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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN, EAGR

SUBJ: WHEAT EXPORT BAN

REF: BA 5682 AND STATE 154815 AND TOFAS 106

1. CONCUR THAT OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF 7.9 MILLION TONS FOR 1972-73 WHEAT CROP PROBABLY TOO HIGH. THIS OFFICE ESTIMATES CROP AT ABOUT 7.5 MILLION TONS. THE FACT THAT THE NATIONAL GRAIN BOARD ON AUG 7 REQUESTED REGISTERED GRAIN TRADERS TO PICK UP SPECIFICATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BREAD WHEAT OF 2000,000 M.T. ON AUG 9 SEEMS TO VERIFY LOWER PRODUCTION FIGURE. TRADE SOURCES STATED THAT THIS FIRST TENDER MAY BE FOLLOWED BY A TENDER FOR A SIMILAR QUANTITY LATER.

2. AS REPORTED IN TOFAS 106 ALL WHEAT SHIPMENTS EXCEPT THOSE BEING LOADED WERE SUSPENDED ON AUG 4. TRADE SOURCES NOW ESTIMATE THAT AT LEAST 390,000 TONS WILL BE NECESSARY TO MEET PRIOR COMMITMENTS. COMMITMENTS NOT FILLED INCLUDE 260-280,000 WITH BRAZIL, 65-80,000 WITH CHILE, 25-30,000 WITH PARAGUAY AND 40-60,000 WITH URUGUAY. LOWER FIGURES FOR EACH COUNTRY BASED ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREMISE THAT SOME SHIP LOADING WILL CONTINUE. BRAZILIAN

SHORTFALL AGAINST 1.3 MILLION TON COMMITMENT.

3. OFFICIAL ESTIMATION OF 1973/74 WHEAT PLANTINGS OF 4.1 MILLION HECTARES IS POSSIBLY TOO LOW. TRADE ESTIMATES THIS SEASON'S SOWING OF 4.5 MILLION HECTARES. BASED ON HARVESTED AREA OF 4.0 MILLION HECTARES AND YIELD OF 1.35 TONS PER HECTARE AN OUTTURN OF UP TO 5.4 MILLION TONS APPEARS REASONABLE.

4. AS REPORETED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH NOVOTNY ON AUG 6, AGATTACHE HAS SCHEDULED MEETING WITH OFFICIAL OF NATIONAL GRAIN BOARD ON AUG 8 AND WILL REPORT RESULTS OF MEETING.  
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